



**Introduction to the**

**Community Programme**  
**for Employment and Social Solidarity**  
***PROGRESS* 2007-2013**



## **IMPLEMENTING THE SOCIAL AGENDA THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY - FACTS**

- Limited EU competence in the employment and social fields**
- Main responsibility lies with the Member States**



# IMPLEMENTING THE SOCIAL AGENDA THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY - CONSEQUENCES

- Mainly seen as a catalyst for change - facilitator**
- Support to the Member States in meeting their commitments or converging towards EU objectives by:**
  - Setting minimum standards common to all Member States**
  - Agreeing on common EU objectives and monitoring progress made**
  - Encouraging social and civil dialogue**
  - Providing financial support (ESF)**



## ***PROGRESS* MANDATE**

- **To strengthen the EU contribution in support of Member States' commitments and efforts to create more and better jobs and to build a more cohesive society**



## ***PROGRESS* MANDATE - HOW**

- by providing analysis and policy advice;**
- by monitoring and reporting on the implementation of EU legislation and policies in PROGRESS policy areas;**
- by favouring policy transfer, learning and support among Member States on EU objectives and priorities.**
- by relaying views of the stakeholders and society at large**



## **PROGRESS MANDATE – IN WHICH POLICY AREA**

### **Employment**

Linked to the European Employment Strategy

### **Social inclusion and social protection**

Linked to Open Method of Coordination

### **Working conditions**

Labour law, restructuring and anticipating change, strategy on health and safety at work

### **Anti-discrimination**

Principle of non-discrimination and mainstreaming of the principle into all EU policies

### **Gender equality**

Principle of gender equality and mainstreaming of the principle into all EU policies



## ***PROGRESS MANDATE – WITH WHOM***

- Public employment services and their agencies**
- Local and regional authorities**
- Specialised bodies provided for under Community law**
- Social partners**
- NGOs, in particular those organised at European level**
- Higher education institutions and research institutes**
- Experts in evaluation**
- National statistical offices**
- Media**



## ***PROGRESS* ULTIMATE OUTCOME**

**Member States implement laws, policies, practices in a manner that contributes to the Social Agenda desired outcomes**





## ***PROGRESS* INTERMEDIATE OUTCOME 2007-2013**

**Help bring about effective application  
of EU law in all Member States so  
as**

- to create a level playing-field and**
- to guarantee to all people a  
common level of EU legal  
protection**



## ***PROGRESS INTERMEDIATE OUTCOME*** **2007-2013**

**Help positively change the understanding on EU objectives and priorities so as**

- to favour the convergence towards EU objectives and priorities**



## ***PROGRESS* INTERMEDIATE OUTCOME 2007-2013**

**Help strengthen partnerships with key EU and national policy-decision makers and stakeholders so as**

- to build a consensus and**
- to create an impulse for change in support of EU objectives and priorities**



# ***PROGRESS IMMEDIATE OUTCOME*** **INFORMATION SHARING-LEARNING**

## **Strategies:**

- ✓ **Partner with EU and national policy and decision-makers and stakeholders to identify best practices and develop assessment tools to assist them to improve policy-making and policy-implementation processes and outcomes.**
- ✓ **Ensure the effective transfer of acquired knowledge to policy and decision-makers and stakeholders to advance EU law and policy with targeted information material and inputs**
- ✓ **Promote clarity and consistency in rights and obligations under EU law, through guidance and other informational materials.**
- ✓ **Communicate on EU law and policies using materials which are appropriate and responsive to the various segments of the target audiences**

## **Outputs:**

**training & mutual learning - accurate monitoring/assessment reports -  
Identification & dissemination of good practices- Information & communication  
activities, networking**



# PROGRESS IMMEDIATE OUTCOME EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY

## Strategies

- ✓ Establish an ongoing series of high quality, influential comparative policy research and analysis
- ✓ Collect relevant, credible and accurate information on the conditions, needs, concerns and expectations prevailing at EU and in the MS
- ✓ Develop fit-for purpose statistical tools and methods and common indicators capable of rallying EU-wide support

## Outputs:

to Development of appropriate statistical tools, methods, indicators related PROGRESS policy area -Appropriate policy advice, research & analysis related to PROGRESS policy areas



# **PROGRESS IMMEDIATE OUTCOME CROSS-CUTTING WORK AND CONSISTENCY**

## **Strategies:**

- ✓ **Integrate the gender dimension into all PROGRESS policy sections and activities and provide disaggregated data on gender participation when relevant**
- ✓ **Ensure that other equality considerations, among which disability accessibility requirements, are taken into account when in all PROGRESS policy sections and activities**
- ✓ **Promote consistently in all PROGRESS policy sections and activities- including in public communication - relevant cross-cutting issues**

## **Outputs:**

**Cross-cutting and collaborative work among policy sections**



# ***PROGRESS* IMMEDIATE OUTCOME GREATER CAPACITY OF KEY EU NETWORKS**

## **Strategies:**

- Strategically invest in the capacity of key EU networks to participate and influence policy-making and policy implementation at EU and national level in support of EU objectives and priorities

## **Outputs:**

- NGOs, & networks active in **PROGRESS** policy areas



# **PROGRESS IMMEDIATE OUTCOME HIGH QUALITY AND PARTICIPATORY POLICY DEBATE**

## **Strategies:**

- ✓ Mobilise all key EU and national policy and decision-makers and stakeholders to inform and advance EU law, policies and objectives
- ✓ Develop policy debate according to good governance principles

## **Outputs:**

information & communication activities, networking between & with stakeholders & events on issues related to PROGRESS policy areas





## METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION

- Direct management by the Commission**
- Commission is assisted by a Committee (with representatives from Member States)**
- Approval by the Committee of the general guidelines for implementation and annual plans of work**
- Annual Plans of Work implemented through**
  - Call for tenders (contracts)
  - Call for proposals (subsidies - max 80% co-financing)



## BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS

- ❑ **750 million €**
- ❑ **Spread over policy sections according to a key (Employment (23%), Social Inclusion (30%); Working Conditions (10%), Non-Discrimination (23%) and Gender Equality (12%))**
- ❑ **Budget for 2009: 106 million €**
- ❑ **Annual Plan of Work 2009 to be implemented through**
  - 51 Calls for tenders (contracts)
  - 9 Calls for proposals



# WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

## Our website

[http://ec.europa.eu/employment\\_social/progress/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/progress/index_en.html)

## Our brochure

